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CICCHINO'S WIFE
NOW STARVING
 Family of Missing Man Is Forced to Appeal to Charity.

Mrs. Nicholas Cicchino and her six children, the family of an engineer at the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company, who disappeared December 21, have reached the state of destitution.

With the main support of the family gone, and believing the wife to have been murdered, Mrs. Cicchino today will seek refuge at the Associated Charities.

Detective Jacob Berman, who has been working on the case, will accompany the family to headquarters of the charities organization, at 927 H street northwest, and arrange details for them.

Berman declared yesterday that nothing whatever had been discovered to show what had become of the missing man. He doubts that he is dead.

The wife, however, believes that Cicchino would never desert his family. He proved during the twelve years of their married life an ideal father and husband, she says.

\$500,000 Relief Fund.
 The War Council has appropriated \$500,000 for continuance of relief work in Palestine and the Near East. The Red Cross announced yesterday.

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FOOD PRICES TO REMAIN HIGH

End of War Brings No Relief, Says Chairman Davison.

High food prices for many months to come. This is the unmistakable indication at the present time, according to G. Howard Davison, speaking last night for the National Agricultural Society.

"Some lines of foods may show a decline," Mr. Davison said, "but as to staples, Americans can make up their minds that the world demand is strictly in control of prices and that this condition will endure for a long time to come.

"The end of the war has brought little or no relief. Food prices are just as largely under the control of the European situation as they were a year ago. It is true there are enough hogs coming into the markets just now to bring about a decline in the price of meats and fats if conditions were usual, and it is likewise true that the present outlook is for a surplus of wheat in the spring. But the government says the minimum price for wheat and hogs must not be lowered.

"The government, fully conscious that the appalling scarcity of food-stuffs abroad will exist for many months, clearly is continuing its policy of maintaining high price levels in order to stimulate production to the utmost. Few will dispute the far-sighted wisdom of this policy."

SHIRLEY BACKS PLAN FOR BUDGET SYSTEM

Would Take Power of Appropriating Away from Congress.

A proposal to create a joint Congressional commission to inquire into the feasibility of a national budget will be made a part of one of the forthcoming appropriation bills now being framed by the House Appropriation Committee.

Chairman Shirley yesterday announced he would back the plan, which is similar to the one laid before the Senate by Senator Kenyon.

Four billion a year, he points out, is now the lowest estimate of peace time expenditures. The lowest previous peace-time expenditure in one year did not reach half this sum.

Under the present system any committee can authorize appropriations or appropriate money outright. Individual members can submit motions to increase expenditures.

Under the budget system as worked out in England and other countries the budget would be made up in some executive department—probably the Treasury—and no Congress could initiate new expenditures or add to executive proposals.

HOLLAND TURNS DOWN ALLIED RAIL REQUEST

Took Same Transportation Attitude Toward German Empire.

London, Jan. 1.—Replying to a request by the allies, Holland has refused to permit the use of its railways and waterways for the transport of troops and materials, it was learned today.

A similar refusal was given to German troops withdrawing behind their frontiers.

Transit of that portion of the Rhine and Scheldt in Dutch territory has been granted, however, providing all craft fly the international commerce flag.

PURELY PERSONAL

Walter H. McIntyre, of the Treasury Department, is in Chattanooga, Tenn.

William E. Roberts has returned from a visit to his home in Thurmont, Md.

Clyde W. Johnson, of the Postoffice Department, is on sick leave.

Joseph F. Sinclair, of the General Land Office, is entertaining friends from Philadelphia, Pa.

John A. Baldwin, of Annapolis, Md., is in the city for a few days.

Miss Jessie B. Reeves, of the Treasury Department, is visiting her home in Hoboken, N. J.

Miss Esther Rosenfeld, of this city, has just left for France on the Princess Louise to do overseas work for the Jewish Welfare Board.

Rosenfeld will visit the camps and hospitals and do canteen work among the soldiers. For the past few years Miss Rosenfeld has been very active in Jewish affairs and is a member of the Red Cross, Eastern Star, Y. W. H. A., Washington Zionist Circle and the Hadaasah.

Coalition Government in Poland.

London, Jan. 1.—A coalition government is being formed in Poland, it was learned today. Ignace Padewski is reported to have left Posen for Warsaw.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

LOCAL FORECAST.
 District of Columbia, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland: Partly overcast and much colder; Friday fair; strong westerly winds; Virginia: Rain followed by clearing and much colder Thursday; Friday fair, colder in east portion; strong westerly winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
 Midnight, 47; 2 a. m., 46; 4 a. m., 52; 6 a. m., 54; 8 a. m., 56; 10 a. m., 58; 12 noon, 59; 2 p. m., 59; 4 p. m., 61; 6 p. m., 62; 8 p. m., 63; 10 p. m., 62; Highest, 63; lowest, 47.
 Relative humidity: 4 a. m., 97; 2 p. m., 91; 8 p. m., 81; rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0.87; hours of sunshine, 0; per cent of possible sunshine, 0.

DEPARTURES.
 Accumulated excess of temperature since January 1, 1919, 230 degrees; accumulated excess of precipitation since January 1, 1919, 0.45.
 Temperature same date last year—Highest, 17; lowest, 1.

OTHER TEMPERATURES.
 Highest last 24 hours. Rain-fall, 24 hours, night, 8 p. m. to 8 a. m.

TIDES TABLE.
 (Compiled by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
 Today—Low tide, 2:24 a. m. and 2:24 p. m.; high tide, 8 a. m. and 8:12 p. m.

THE SUN AND MOON.
 Today—Sun rises, 7:27 a. m.; sun sets, 4:57 p. m.
 Moon rises, 6:42 a. m.; sets, 4:32 p. m.
 Automobile light to be lighted at 5:13 p. m.

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"Good Morning, Judge"

Human Interest Stories of Police Court Happenings.

Tot, Tot.
 Her ma ran her away from home, she said, because she wanted to keep company with a certain young man whom ma hated.

She had no money. Neither did the young man. They soon realized they were up against it.

The girl hit upon an idea. The young man agreed.

Carrying out said idea, the girl snatched \$12 from a dear friend of hers. The young man helped her spend it.

The friend hollered. The girl was nabbed. The young man wasn't. He beat it.

"There is too much work going on for you to steal," the court told Ida Browning, who kidnapped the twelve helpless dollars.

"I can't work on an empty stomach," the girl protested.

"You stole on an empty stomach," reminded the court. "And the way you went about it was every bit as hard as work."

The friend who owned the money didn't want to see the girl go to jail and told the court so.

And so Ida was fined \$30. Was the young man around to pay her fine? He was not.

Some boy.

Louis Loses Out.
 For a long time Louis H. Louts courted Maggie Williams.

Suddenly he stopped. Maggie was worried. She couldn't account for the sudden drop in temperature in the thermometer in Louis' neighborhood.

She persuaded her pa, Floyd Williams, to call on Louis and see what was wrong.

Pa went. He sat in the parlor of the house where Louis roomed.

Louis came downstairs, not knowing who wanted to see him.

"Whatcha doin' with mah suit of clothes?" demanded pa when he saw Louis.

"Oh, nothin'," said Louis. "Ah jes' borrowed 'em for a little while."

"Well," said pa. "Ah is gwine to borrow a warrant for you, mah boy."

Louis had swiped the clothes on one of his visits to the house to see Maggie, and no one saw him or missed them.

It's a cinch Maggie don't want to see him any more. Even if she does, she won't for at least thirty days.

Because that is what Louis got.

Two Bits; One Fight.
 One day, before Christmas, little Ralph Boone was given a quarter by his ma.

He showed it to all the boys in the neighborhood. They all got very much excited.

A quarter looked as big as a million dollars to Ralph and it probably looked bigger to Joe Benton, one of Ralph's acquaintances.

Joe took the quarter away from Ralph. The latter went home crying and feeling like a millionaire who had just gone into the hands of a receiver.

His pa, Bill Boone, determined to get back that quarter. He went around to see Tom Benton, Joe's pa.

The result was that both parents got into a fight. Pa Benton was licked.

Boone was arrested. But he had the satisfaction of having gotten his son's fortune back.

At any rate the first thing he did when he got back was to light into Mary and read her the riot act.

Wife was quite unprepared for the outburst and couldn't imagine why it happened.

She ordered Bob to shut up and go to bed.

Bob's Blunder.
 Bob Hughes went for a Christmas visit to his folks in Richmond.

While there he must have talked about how his wife, Mary, was the boss of his family and wore the overalls, and gotten "all het up" about it.

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AN AMERICAN WAR SECRET

Here's an American engine of war never before pictured. It is an eight-inch howitzer, motor-mounted. One man drives the whole outfit, and it can climb a 45-per-cent grade without exhaustion and be ready for action the minute it arrives. Before the introduction of the artillery tractor it required days to move one of these big guns from place to place.

1,500 ATTEND BIG RECEPTION

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Entertains New-Year Crowd.

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 1.—A New Year's reception given this afternoon by the Chamber of Commerce in the rooms of that organization was attended by approximately 1,500 persons, including a representative gathering of men and women from this city and the hinterland.

The affair was one of the most elaborate ever given here. Representative C. C. Carlin and a number of army officers and a delegation of members of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce were among the visitors.

The rooms of the organization were artistically decorated for the event and an elaborate buffet luncheon was served in the auditorium by a committee of women.

The occasion was enlivened with music furnished by a stringed orchestra from the Mayflower, President Wilson's yacht.

A number of vocal selections were given by the Camp Humphreys quartet composed of E. Appel, first tenor; Fribble, second tenor; F. Schumaker, first bass and W. Altier, second bass.

Before the affair was concluded there was dancing in the auditorium.

The Reception Committee.
 The reception committee was composed of Wallace Lindsey, chairman; Col. Julian V. Williams, George D. Hopkins, Carroll Pierce, Harry Hammond and C. S. Cropley.

The buffet luncheon served consisted of chicken salad, old Virginia ham, turkey, fruit, salad, coffee, olives, cigars, fruit punch and buttermilk.

R. Stuart Royer, new business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was on hand and was introduced to the guests by members of the reception committee.

Mr. Royer was formerly business manager of the Chamber of Commerce of Fredericksburg, Va.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, Christmas trees, potted plants, carnations and flags. They presented a beautiful appearance and candabras and soft lights added to the general attractiveness of the rooms in the holiday attire.

Probably never before in the history of this old building, which formerly was the old Braddock House, has been such a large gathering at a function.

The Chamber of Commerce of Alexandria is a live, up-to-date organization, composed of the leading business men of Alexandria, and has a total membership, which, includes the plural memberships in excess of 750 memberships.

The organization of this energetic civic body was realized March 15, 1918, although this body was organized in 1906.

During the time since its reorganization it has been actively at work in the different movements looking for the development and general upbuilding of the city. It gave its rooms for the Red Cross Sanitary Unit, located here, and has given splendid assistance in all other lines and was actively interested in securing for the city the U. S. Torpedo Assembling plant now in course of construction.

It has been also in the various war drives and has greatly aided strangers in securing homes here. The future success of this virile organization now is assured.

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Southeast Washington Personal News Notes

The death of Dr. Melville M. Moffitt, at his home, 155 Farragut Terrace northwest, brings to mind the many years that Dr. Moffitt labored among the residents of southeast Washington before his removal to the northwest, only a few years ago.

While a resident of the southeast section he conducted his practice in Pennsylvania Avenue, between First and Second streets, and was also actively engaged in the civic betterment of the community. He was for a number of years one of the directors of the Washington Bank of Southeast, and assisted materially in the growth of this institution.

Eric A. Gabbard, of Washington, and Miss Mary A. Kiplinger, of Silver Hill, Maryland, were married yesterday by the Rev. J. E. Horstkamp, pastor of the Congress Heights Catholic Church, at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabbard left immediately following the ceremony for a trip and upon their return will reside in Southeast.

Rev. Dr. J. Franklin Bryan, pastor of the North Carolina M. P. Church, was in charge of the special watch-night services held Tuesday night.

Clarence Kramer, of 1240 K street southeast, is at present in a critical condition at Casualty Hospital, because of injuries received by slipping on the pavement at Thirteenth and K streets southeast, causing the fracturing of his skull.

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